

**BELLE GLADE**  
IS THE FASTEST GROWING  
COMMUNITY IN THE  
EVERGLADES

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**GLEANINGS**  
FROM THE  
**GLADES**  
Threshed Out In Belle Glade  
BY PHIL CLARKE

**NOT FOR CHILDREN ONLY—**

are public playgrounds. It is true that every parent wants his children to have a playground but he needs one, too.

From no less an authority than the late Judge Eber C. Gary from whom the name Gary, Ind. was derived, we have a clear action pointing out the actual facts for each parish. He was instrumental in the formation of Indiana Dunes State Park bordering Lake Michigan and appropriated \$250,000 toward the purchase of land.

When it was known without a doubt that the park would be established, one certain steel mill superintendent had this to say:

"In another generation or so, when I had acted on the fact that land would be occupied by industries or homes, greatly increased in value, and out of the ground there would be no place to sit on the ground near the lake and eat picnic lunch, I would have been glad to have the all signs would say 'Private Property. No Trespassing.' And that would tend to be a very dangerous-minded workers, ready for anything."

It seems to me that citizens of Belle Glade have done more in recent months to aid the condition of children and workers in the community than almost any other community of its size in America. Our municipal park, when finished, will provide a natural meadow place for children from 18 months to 81 years. Wholesome environment will be developed in an attractive, slightly vicious, amusement of today.

And to prove our real interest in the welfare of children and the betterment of the community under all conditions, we have, in the face of a poor season, established a model children's nursery for working parents. Such a move, while it may appear less successful than the year that anticipated, will do more to raise the standards of living of our migratory workers than any other single act could ever hope to. In fact, all predictions point to the influx of a higher class of working people as a result of improved conditions.

**POINTING TOWARDS A  
CITY FIRE TROL-**

In the Everglades, citizens of South Florida have at least united to fight the dangers of their natural resources this area fire.

Government trained personnel, an efficient patrol system, added equipment and sufficient money to greatly increase the force of fire fighting and the need, will do more to stamp out this needless waste than all the good intentions and talking in the world. We need action and doing it now!

**OUR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

is a mighty effective little body and is doing things now that other larger communities are supposed capable of.

Commenting recently on the fight made by the local Chamber to complete the "Paving Trail" to the Everglades and Lake Okechobee, one official of the Miami Chamber of Commerce said that Belle Glade has an extremely smooth-working body—diplomatic, effective.

And it seems it has at least learned the importance of acting before it is too late.

**WORK ON BRIDGE**

Contractors pushed work on the Belle Glade highway bridge now under construction. Steel pilings are being driven into the canal bed from a false wood bridge completed last week. Work on the understructure was completed immediately after the last piling has been driven.

**WORK ON HALL**

Concrete finishing and facing work went forward on the new Town Hall this week as workmen prepared to put the last touches on the interior. The new Town Hall was completed Monday and the entire exterior was rubbed to a gleaming white later in the week.

**Belle Glade Votes**  
**Favorably On Bond**  
**Issues This Week**

**Park Bond Issue And**  
**Library Project Are**  
**O.Ked**

Freeholders of Belle Glade voted overwhelmingly in favor of two separate bond issues, one for a municipal building, at a special election held Tuesday at the Town Hall.

The public park bonds passed by a surprising margin of 223 to 11 while the vote in favor of a municipal building to house reading rooms, a library and auditorium was 191 to 28.

Passage of the \$100,000 park bond issue virtually assured the completion of the park by last summer by the WPA. A portion of the funds will be used to complete purchase of the land. The town will next attempt to sell the bonds individually or to a recognized bonding company. As considerable local material and labor is expected to be diverted to the project this summer the full amount of the bond issue will probably be resumed on the project early in the summer.

Plans for the structure have been approved by the government. The town failed to secure government approval of a high school project of \$25,000 has been voted upon favorably last October. It is hoped that government financing will be forthcoming on this project.

The election brought out a total of 200 voters, a record for the minimum of 104 required by law. The qualified list of freeholders in Belle Glade numbered 200.

Active in turning out the large vote were Larry Nash, Mrs. B. Free, Walter Greer, J. F. Scullen and John Harris. The Chamber of Commerce, Ladies Club and the various churches assisted in notifying all freeholders of the importance of the election.

Mayor Arthur Wells Wednesday expressed sincere appreciation for the favorable vote recorded by the voters. He thanked all civic individuals who assisted in getting out the vote.

**SETTER A SUCCESS**

Officials of the Belle Glade Community Center held Tuesday night's benefit chicken supper a great success, following tabulation of proceeds. Over 150 persons enjoyed a sumptuous dinner prepared by John Augustus and served in the dining room of the Belle Glade Restaurant. H. T. Holloway delivered the invocation from Mayor Arthur Wells expressing regret at his inability to attend the function and thanking all who helped in the raising of the money for the day nursery in Belle Glade.

**BRAGGO RECOVERS**

Mike Braggo, mechanic at the Belle Glade airport, who was injured in a plane crash here March 24, has recovered from injuries sustained and left Tuesday with a doctor for Hialeah. He is being treated at a hospital at Hialeah where he is steadily improving in condition.

**VISITS TAMPA**

Mayor Arthur Wells left Wednesday night for Tampa, upon advice of his local physician, to have an x-ray examination. He will submit to an appendectomy if results of the x-ray are proven unfavorable. He plans to return Saturday if no operation is recommended.

**PLACED UNDER**  
**\$500 PEACE BOND**

A bond of \$25 was forfeited by Luther Jones Tuesday night when he failed to appear and contest charges brought by Bill Pierce. The complaint charged the defendant with disorderly conduct and disturbing the peace of one Bill Pierce.

C. A. Horne brought charges Thursday against Mr. Jones for threatening his person Peace Justice G. A. Hubbard placed the defendant under a peace bond of \$500 at a hearing Wednesday.

**Belle Glade Lions**  
**In Weekly Meeting**

Intelligent programs of insurance was the subject of a talk by A. B. Roderat, guest at their regular luncheon Wednesday. Mr. Roderat was introduced by Lon H. R. Dunsen.

Mr. Roderat defined programs of insurance as the intelligent use of available services. He pointed out the philosophy of the program, which is the mode of payment. Others are the available types of policies, such as fire, life, accident, health, etc., and the various types of business insurance.

Other visitors included Frank Rode and J. L. Dunsen. The following members to serve on a committee to meet with State and local officials in connection with the proposed road: Larry Nash, H. T. Holloway, J. F. Scullen, J. B. Beckenbach and William Pierce.

**WOODMEN WILL**  
**ATTEND MEETING**

Belle Glade will be represented by the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society meeting at Hialeah, Fla., on April 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Elected by their respective camps to present our city at the meeting, the local delegates will meet with other Woodmen from all over the jurisdiction which includes the States of Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

Representing the Woodmen of this community are the following: J. A. Bass, special representative; J. B. Beckenbach, J. M. Bowman, W. T. Bass, Wm. Motes, E. T. Morris, Carl Livingston, Harry Carter, Hon. J. K. Edgemoor, Philip Ashby, W. E. Bass and the Degree Staff of 12 men and Captain E. J. Holloway. Also present will be E. Bradshaw, member of the Woodmen, and Mr. Henry Perry, J. F. Scullen, president of the E. J. Rivers of Georgia. Also National delegates from North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

They are to leave April 8th in order to arrive for the opening of the convention on April 9th according to F. L. Harris, local secretary.

The Head Camp convention is one of 25 meetings being held all over the nation. Reports on the progress of the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society are being made by the national officers, a mass initiation of new members, and election of officers, and delegates to the Foreign Camp Convention, are on the program.

**Commerce Letters**  
**Create Good Will**

Indicative of the favorable response with which recent letters from the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce have been receiving among legislators in Washington, D. C., the Chamber, under the leadership of J. F. Scullen, made public a letter from Pat Cannon this week as follows:

"I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter to March 21st relative to the problems which face the farmers of the Everglades area."

"Each of your five letters has had my attention and I am glad to be glad to support your program."

"I think you are doing a splendid job and you may count on my cooperation."

"With kindest personal regards and best wishes, I am, Sincerely yours, Signed: Pat Cannon."

**Jobless Benefits**  
**Await All Who Can**  
**Meet Regulation**

**No Person Can Draw**  
**More Than \$15**  
**Weekly Limit**

Many applicants for jobless benefits under the State Unemployment Compensation Law who are eligible because they lack sufficient wage credits in covered employment may become eligible for benefits after April 1, if they have earned additional wage credits in covered employment between October 1 and December 31, 1939, according to Frederick B. Morrison, Manager of the West Palm Beach office of the Florida State Unemployment Compensation Law.

It is estimated that in the area covered by the West Palm Beach office that a large number of workers have earned additional wage credits during the last quarter of 1938 which will be added to their previous earnings for the first three quarters of 1938. Mr. Morrison stated.

Mr. Morrison pointed out that the Federal Government's new law has an eligibility requirement which compels the claimant to be unemployed for at least 14 weeks in the first three of the last four calendar quarters of the year. His weekly benefit is one-half of his most recent full time weekly wage (there is a maximum of fifteen dollars a week) in employment covered by the law, which includes employers of eight or more workers or their pay rolls in twenty-five consecutive weeks of the current or preceding calendar year.

The Federal Government's new law provides that domestic help, governmental employment and several other types are excluded from benefits under the law.

Mr. Morrison recommended that new claims should be filed immediately with the State Employment office by unemployed persons who believe that their additional wage credits would make them eligible for benefits.

**CANNON BILL**  
**TO AID FARMER**

The outlook for individual sugar production in the Glades was considerably brighter this week as a result of a telegram from Rep. Pat Cannon of Miami to J. F. Scullen, president of the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce, in connection with the House of a bill designed to exempt from provisions of the sugar act the small growers of the Glades and market sugar within State limits and who do not apply for benefit payments.

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Establishment of one or two more sugar mills in the county would be necessary if the measure passed, and the cooperative program is carried out.

**MORE ATTEND NURSERY**

Attendance at the Belle Glade Community Center is increasing daily, according to Miss Anna F. Scullen, in charge of the nursery. Success of the project is entirely due to the faithful work of the civic minded persons who are members of the nursery committee and to the merchants of Belle Glade who have contributed heavily to its support.

Several babies from 6 months to a year and one-half old have been brought to the nursery and the older children have recently joined the group.

Regular weekly meetings of the nursery committee are held every Monday at which time finances and other important affairs are discussed.

**WORK PROGRESSES**

From four to six weeks will be required to complete the construction of specially designed filtration equipment to be installed at the Belle Glade water works. The Normal Lamson Construction Co., according to Frank Kelly, town waterworks superintendent.

**County's Lawmakers**  
**Are In Tallahassee**

Representative Herbert D. Beck, Belle Glade, was in Tallahassee on Tuesday on his way to the House committee by Speaker of the House Wood this week. Judge and Engineer, Belle Glade, Public Roads and Highways, and Public Works, State Marketing, and Highway and Public Works and Land.

At the same time, Representative R. O. Morrison, West Palm Beach, was made chairman of the Public Printing Committee and a member of Labor, Education, Agriculture, Veterans and Civilian Control, and Public Works and Land.

In the Senate, President Butler was in Tallahassee on Tuesday to the chairmanship of the Senate Committee and membership on the County Organization, Finance and Taxation, Judiciary, Miscellaneous Legislation, Public Roads and Highways, and Public Works and Land.

Representative Beck left Tallahassee to assume his post as legislator in the House of Representatives. He is serving his first term.

**Temperance Play**  
**At Baptist Church**

Temperance drama called "Who's the Blame?" and vividly portraying conditions as they are under the new beer laws, will be given at the Baptist Church on Thursday night, April 13th at 8 o'clock, with twenty-seven local characters assisted by Mr. A. W. Morrison, who is the author of the drama.

This is a new temperance play which has been given to large audiences wherever produced. The attendance often reaching as high as 1,000, it is a part of a campaign for temperance education, being conducted by the State Temperance Society.

The drama is in the form of a court trial. Rev. W. M. Stettin will be the presiding judge, and will conduct the trial in a dignified manner. Len Jones will take the part of Tom Moore, on trial for the murder of John Smith.

Walter Evans, at the "Blue Goose" dance hall, will prosecute the defendant and Bill Wood will assist in the prosecution. Dr. Webb will defend him. Donald Jones will be the witness for the State.

A decision will be made by the Court and John Kirk will be the witness for the State. The State will also have a witness for the State.

The defense will put on the witness stand the defendant himself. He will be asked to give his story to be taken by Mrs. Henry Collins. It will also offer Hans Schultz, the beer seller, as a witness for the defendant.

This play will be repeated by Dr. Fritz Boyd. The play will be given by Dr. Kraepelin, of the world's greatest authority of what beer will do for you. Mrs. W. W. Miller will be represented by Prof. L. W. Bartlett. Mrs. J. W. Bartlett will be the witness for the State.

W. B. Granger will be the witness of the jury and the following prominent citizens have been summoned to serve on the jury: Dr. B. Baker, H. E. Jones, W. T. Forsee, J. R. Neller, W. L. Cunningham, Walter Greer, Hugh J. Bratton, J. B. Beck, H. T. Holloway, Charles Beck, Mrs. Maude Thompson and Carl Lockmiller.

Admission is free.

**Belle Glade P.T.A.**  
**To Hear Dr. Herman**

The next regular meeting of the Belle Glade P.T.A. will be held Monday, April 10, at which time Dr. Carl N. Herman, of West Palm Beach, will speak on "Venereal Protection." It was announced this week Room mothers of the first and third grades will be hosted.

Announcement was also made of this week of the presentation of an opera. Friday, April 14, Miss Anita Mitchell will direct and all proceeds will go to the library fund.

Last week's P.T.A. meeting, Mrs. E. E. King was elected president, Mrs. F. D. Stevens, first vice-president, Mrs. W. W. Miller, second vice-president, Mrs. Thomas Bregger, historian, Rev. J. O. Jameson, pastor of the community church, spoke on "Religious Training for Youth."

**Field Day Is Well**  
**Attended By Many**  
**Growers Of Glades**

**Experiment Station Shows**  
**Results Of Many**  
**Tests**

A large number of Lane County citrus farmers and persons interested in the agricultural development of the area attended the annual vegetable and winter crop field day at the Everglades Experiment Station yesterday.

Starting at 2 o'clock, the program included demonstrations and explanations of their work by Dr. G. R. Townsend, Dr. J. H. Beckenbach, Dr. J. E. Neller, in charge of the Station, and County Agent M. T. Mounts were in charge of the program.

Fertilizer, insect and disease control experiments were discussed at the scene of operations at field plots. Important findings in relation to seed production as well as the latest information regarding spraying of insects, and the use of the new An Revor Handicap.

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**Boys And Girls To**  
**Present Operetta**

Thursday, April 13th, at 8 p.m. a cast of boys and girls from the second, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth grades of Belle Glade School will present their operetta, "Tom Sawyer," at the Town Hall.

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**Sell Town Hall To**  
**C. B. Rawls For \$205**

Belle Glade's misplaced old town hall for 10 years on Avenue "A" landmark, was sold for \$205 to C. B. Rawls of Belle Glade at a public auction held at the old town hall Tuesday morning. Four bidders were present and Mayor Arthur Wells conducted the sale. The building is to be moved within 10 days after the town officials have been notified to furnish the new town hall, it has been reported.

**Racing Season To**  
**End Monday Night**

The 1939 racing season will come to an end Monday night at the Palm Beach Kennel Club, where the night programs since early January have proved popular with the residents and visitors alike.

Particularly in the late season, the night programs will be seen in the form of a popular sports event, and the gala programs will end with a special feature, the night card topped by the An Revor Handicap.

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**City Councilmen**  
**Study Problems In**  
**Regular Meeting**

**No Legislative Action To**  
**Reduce Limits Of**  
**The Town**

Requests by Tom Walters, Walter Ashley and Robert T. Thompson that they be given advantages of the immediate exemption provisions after the deadline of April 1 are received by the town clerk Wednesday night. The council decided to refer the matter to the town attorney for investigation as to legality of acceptance and action will take place next Wednesday.

The Board of Health advised that waterworks superintendent Frank Kelly be allowed to attend the annual meeting of the Florida Association of the American Waterworks Association was received by the clerk and read at the Wednesday night meeting. Water treatment experts will disseminate useful technical information at the meeting. The letter of the Councilmen voted to defer action until next Wednesday.

Commissioner A. E. Kirchman introduced a motion, which was subsequently passed, designating a section of land near the town hall, for sale and rental to negro tenants. The exact location was determined by the clerk and read at the Wednesday night meeting. The letter of the Councilmen voted to defer action until next Wednesday.

The Council agreed to allow Commissioner H. H. Harris to handle a request made by H. R. Archibald of Powers and Archibald, construction manager, in connection with the erection of an elevated water tank foundation on the park site, to buy a supply of rock from the town. The rock will be used to place under concrete piers in the foundation work. C. A. Baker was asked to prepare a supply of rock to build a structure in the proposed colored subdivision. The Councilmen voted to defer action until next Wednesday.

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future."—Peter Muller & Son.

## Open For Business In Our Large New Store Building

Belle Glade 5c-10c-\$1 Store, Inc., Is Proud To Announce the

### GRAND OPENING

of their fine new store in the Beck Building which has been recently completed.

For many years the foremost dry goods and novelty store in Belle Glade, Beck's now offer their many friends and customers the advantages of finer, larger and more modern conveniences and facilities.

They invite people of Belle Glade to inspect their complete stock on attractive display and within range of the most modest pocketbook.

They also wish to thank the many faithful customers who continued their trade in the old building while the present store was being completed.

### BELLE GLADE 5c-10c-\$1 STORE

INCORPORATED

Avenue "A"

Belle Glade, Fla.

"We Are Here To Serve You"—Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Beck

## Wiring Work Well Done!

One thing you can be sure of—  
All electric installation and wiring  
work was done in an expert  
and careful manner.

We are proud and happy to have  
had a part in construction of  
Beck's fine new building.

**We Wish Them All  
Possible Success**

**SIMMONS ELECTRIC CO.**

Riedel's Camp

Belle Glade

ELECTRICAL & REFRIGERATION  
SERVICE — MOTOR REPAIRING

# BECK'S OPENED FIRST STORE IN 1932

Is One Of Pioneer  
Belle Glade Retail  
Business Houses

Served Community  
Well For Over  
Seven Years

In a little more than seven  
years after Mr. and Mrs. Charles  
Beck opened their first store in  
Belle Glade public demand made  
necessary expansion and enlarge-  
ment. Now, the Belle Glade 5c-  
10c to \$1 Store, Inc., has estab-  
lished itself in a fine new \$5,000  
store building, one of the finest in  
Belle Glade.

Completed in a record time of  
31 working days, Beck's new  
building is the most modern and  
substantial fire-proof construction.  
The building, a one floor, concrete  
block structure, is 20 feet long by  
25 feet, 4 inches wide. Eight by  
twelve concrete blocks were used  
and the foundation is reinforced  
concrete. Designing and construction  
of the building was under the  
direct supervision of Peter Muller,  
Belle Glade contractor.

Another modernistic feature of  
the building is the method of  
lighting. New type fluorescent  
lamps, installed by Simmons Elec-  
tric Company, cast an even blue  
glow which is comforting to the  
eyes and adds to the pleasant sur-  
roundings. The above entrance  
is built of concrete base with tall  
glass panels making up a store  
front which is usually found in  
only large city establishments.

The stock capacity of the present  
location nearly doubles that of  
the former building. Starting on  
January 15, 1932 with only  
about \$500 worth of merchandise,  
the firm has grown steadily every  
year until it now possesses \$2,500  
in high grade merchandise. This  
steady growth has been made pos-  
sible because of the needs of the  
people say Mr. and Mrs. Beck.

The main line of goods carried  
by this independent Belle Glade  
firm consists of all ladies wearing  
apparel except dresses, small hard-  
ware goods, a complete line of  
electrical goods, paint, kitchen  
and household utensils and fur-  
nishings, linens, school and toy  
supplies, toys and all the  
necessities of the home and office.  
Present store clerks are Mrs. D.  
F. Crosby, Mrs. E. L. May, Mrs.  
T. E. Lallyer, Sr. and Miss Mary  
Jameson.

Owners of the store intend to  
grow with the community and  
will continue to supply a com-  
plete, low-priced line of best  
quality merchandise to patrons in  
Belle Glade and other Everglades  
communities.

PEOPLE MAKING PROGRESS KNOW  
THE VALUE OF SAVING!



**We Congratulate  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beck**

Upon completion of their fine new store building. Confidence in our  
community and faith in its continued progress is the spirit that is

BUILDING BELLE GLADE

**Everglades Federal Savings &  
Loan Association**

HUGH J. BRATLEY, Sec'y.

BELLE GLADE

PHONE 117

## Building At Its Best means Lumber At Its Best

And that includes all kinds of building supplies  
from roof to foundation and from wall to wall.

Selected fine grain wood and the finest of  
guaranteed building supplies went into the  
construction of Beck's new building.

We congratulate the owners for doing busi-  
ness in one of Belle Glade's finest buildings.

**Wells Lumber Co.**

"Helping To Build Belle Glade"

**Plumbing  
by  
Richmond**

QUALITY  
WORK  
AT  
LOWER  
PRICES

We  
are  
happy  
to  
have  
had a  
part in

BECK'S New  
Store Building.

Always our aim—  
"BUILDING  
BELLE GLADE"

**A. J.  
RICHMOND**

PLUMBING CONTRACTORS  
Belle Glade Florida

### BUILDING BELLE GLADE!

We believe in taking an active part in the progress of  
Belle Glade. It has been our constant aim, to further  
this forward movement by supplying THE FINEST OF

**LUMBER and  
BUILDING MATERIALS**

at consistently lower prices. We are proud and happy  
to have had a part in the construction of Mr. and Mrs.  
Charles Beck's new store building.

**S. M. BIVANS  
LUMBER CO.**

Avenue "A"

Belle Glade, Florida

We Supplied the Following Building  
Materials for the Belle Glade  
5c-10c-\$1 Store, Inc., New Concrete  
Building:

FLOORING  
CEMENT

REINFORCING STEEL  
SAND AND ROCK

Taking an active and interested part in the develop-  
ment of Belle Glade with a six house block within two  
blocks of the city hall.

**Frank L. Franz**

SOUTH BAY SUPPLY HOUSE FLORIDA

## Best Wishes To

**Mr. and Mrs.  
Charles Beck**

**Rainbo Store**

LOUIS SALMONTE, Mgr.